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 JAMES MILLER, New-York.
 Feuillet, Romance of a Poor Young Man
 (corr. price)..... 1.50

JAS. R. OSGOOD & Co., Boston.
 Collins, Mediæval Foliage.....\$15.00
 De Bry, Narrative of Le Moyne.....10.00
 Little Classics, ed. by R. Johnson, vol. 9,
 Comedy..... 1.00
 Lytton, Poetical Works of Owen Mere-
 dith, *Household ed.*..... 2.00
 PORTER & COATES, Phila.
 Thompson, Social Science and National
 Economy..... 1.50
 G. P. PUTNAM'S SONS, New-York.
 Blackwell, The Sexes throughout Nature. 1.25
 Eggleston, How to Make a Living..... 75
 A. D. F. RANDOLPH & Co., New-York.
 Gray, Biblical Museum, vol. 5..... 1.50
 Macquoid, Through Normandy, 2d ed..... 2.50
 SCRIBNER, ARMSTRONG & Co., New-York.
 Eustis, The Service of Praise..... 1.75
 Headley, Sacred Mountains..... 1.75
 Shields, Religion and Science..... 1.00
 D. VAN NOSTRAND, New-York.
 Van Nostrand's Sc. Series:—No. 14, At-
 kinson's Friction of Air in Mines. Bds. 50
 H. K. VAN SICLEN, New-York.
 Berners, An Am. ed. of the Treatyse on
 Fysshynge..... 1.50
 A. WILLIAMS & Co., Boston.
 Gardner, Household Medicine..... 3.50
 Long, The Names we Bear..... 2.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS.

RESOLVED, That this Convention recognize the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY as the established organ of the entire trade, and recommend it to publishers as the medium through which they should make their "first announcement" of books they propose to publish, and the full title of all books immediately on publication.—AMERICAN BOOK TRADE ASSOCIATION.

KAY & BROTHER, Philadelphia.

A Treatise on the Law of Homicide in the United States. With a Series of Leading Cases. By Francis Wharton, LL.D., author of "Criminal Law," "Conflict of Laws," "Law of Negligence," etc. Second and rev. ed. 8°. \$7.50. (May.)

LINDSAY & BLAKISTON, Philadelphia.

A Manual of Comparative Anatomy and Physiology. By S. Messenger Bradley, F.R.C.S., Senior Assist.-Surgeon, Manchester Royal Infirmary. Third ed. With 3 plates and 60 wood-cuts. 12°, pp. 276. (May.)

A Medical Vocabulary. Being an Explanation of all Terms and Phrases used in the various Departments of Medical Science and Practice, giving their Derivation, Meaning, Application, and Pronunciation. Intended specially as a Book of Reference for the Student. By R. G. Mayne, M.D., LL.D., author of "A Lexicon of Scientific Terms;" and J. Mayne, M.D., L.R.C.S., Edin., L.S.A., author of "A Dispensatory," "Toxicologia," etc. Fourth ed., rev. and enl. 18°, pp. 459. (May.)

F. B. PATTERSON, New-York.

Steamship Notes. By "Norval," of the New-York Evening Mail.

POTT, YOUNG & CO., New-York.

A Christian Painter of the Nineteenth Century. Being the Life of Hippolyte Flandrin. By the Author of "Life of S. Francis de Sales," "Bossuet," etc., etc.

ROBERTS BROS., Boston.

(May 1st.)

A Sheaf of Papers. By Thomas G. Appleton. 16°. \$1.50.

Madame Recamier and her Friends. From the French of Madame Lenormant, by the Translator of "Memoirs and Correspondence of Madame Récamier." 16°. \$1.50.

The Defense of Guenevere, and other Poems. By William Morris.

(Autumn.)

Fated to be Free. A Novel. By Jean Ingelow. With numerous illustr. by G. J. Pinwood. 16°.

Eight Cousins; or, The Aunthill. By Louisa M. Alcott. With numerous illustr. by Addie Ledyard and Sol Eytinge. 16°.

Nine Little Goslings. By Susan Coolidge. With illustr. by J. A. Mitchell. Sq. 16°.

Round my House: About the Neighborhood where I live in Peace and War Time. By Philip Gilbert Hamerton. With illustr. by C. O. Murray. Sq. 12°.

Mice at Play: "When the Cat's away, the Mice will play." A Story for the whole Family. By Neil Forest. With illustr. by Sol Eytinge. Sq. 12°.

Jolly Good Times; or, Child Life on a Farm. By P. Thorne. With illustr. by Addie Ledyard.

Six to Sixteen. A Girl's Book. By Juliana Horatia Ewing, author of "The Brownies." 16°.

The Turning-Point of the Reform.

WE hailed with delight the letter of the Messrs. Lippincott, embodying the new platform, for two reasons: first, that it showed this single outstanding house to have at last become sensible of the growth and importance of the reform movement; and secondly, that it pledged their concurrence in a measure at which the trade is aiming as the true ideal. It was the co-operation of this house with the trade that was, after all, the vital point in their letter, and which assured the triumph of the reform; and, as we said, this most welcome letter meant every thing or nothing, according as their after-action interpreted its spirit. Whether they were with the trade or against it, was and is the main thing. We had often spoken of the flaws in the Put-in Bay resolution, as signed by the Eastern houses, and we have always believed that finally, after this first step, an advanced platform could and should be reached. The present necessity of the trade is, however, for what can be got. If those Eastern leaders, whose sympathy with the whole trade and hearty promotion of reform have been tried and tested on a long record, which extends from a time when it was something to fight for reform, and who we know believe in an advanced platform, honestly found that the Lippincotts' plan could not be reached until the general meeting of the trade, it might certainly be hoped from the spirit of the letter that they would, for the time, come into the reform as it stood. The flaws in the plan, liable as they are to create misunderstandings, could do no serious harm before the convention, while the immediate operation of the reform would do great good. When, therefore, we learned of the courteous and hearty letter which had been sent to the Messrs. Lippincott by these gentlemen, we hoped that their new good feeling for the trade would be practically shown by their immediate acquiescence in the Put-in Bay platform, as the only possible present step. The word of these gentlemen could certainly be relied upon that it *is* the one possible present step. And it seemed to us that the trade might rightfully feel that the Lippincott house was not yet in accord with it, unless it did show it in this effective way. Letter-writing does no good, unless action follow it.

We have just received for publication a copy of the letter sent to the Messrs. Lippincott, and a note which has been received from them. This can scarcely be meant as an answer to the letter, for it stops short before it reaches the point. All the good feeling toward the Messrs. Lippincott, which we have gladly voiced, proceeded from the trust that they were at last "in

with the trade;" that they were at last willing to "lend a hand" in the reform. If this be a mistake, the situation, as between the Messrs. Lippincott and the trade, is not yet changed. The trade waits their reply.

WE have from several Indianapolis firms copies of a circular distributed by a dollar store in that place, and chiefly taken up by quotations of books—"publisher's price," \$2, \$1.75, \$1.50, as it may be; "our price," \$1. Among these lines so displayed are Routledge's Poems and Dumas; Carleton's Dickens, Holmes, and Harland; Osgood's Thackeray; Lippincott's Bulwer, and other goods from the most prominent houses. The natural consequence is that not only are the Indianapolis booksellers prevented from selling any of these books, but the public is taught to look upon them as swindlers, who charge abominable prices for books. The truth is, these dollar stores have their run for a time, and use books to decoy trade. But they interfere with the success of the local book trade for years after they have had their day, and publishers should certainly, for their own sakes, take measures to prevent their books being put on the market in this way.

WE urge every man in the trade to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the common-sense letter of our correspondent, "Facts." What he says as to the trap many men set for themselves and those who put faith in their business ability is as true as gospel, and it has been one cause of the long financial depression that business men have continued to spend more than they earned, under the mistake so forcibly pointed out in this letter.

OUR friends will find in our advertising pages of this week a reprint of the April number of *The Literary News*, as the Monthly Book Circular will hereafter be called, at the request of several subscribers. The trade has supported this enterprise in its new shape very cordially, and we tender our thanks to its patrons. Its circulation has steadily increased this year with each month. At the same time, there are any number of dealers who are not yet on the list. We trust they will see fit to order a small edition for experiment for next month, and we are sure that they will find its direct influence on their sales so marked that they can not afford to do without it. A bookseller needs some such list and readable summary of new books, and the *Literary News* affords him what he wants at the lowest possible price.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The interests of the trade can not be better served, than by a full discussion by its members of all questions which affect it. Our columns are always open to communications on any such subject, provided they be brief and suggestive, and we cordially invite the trade to express any suggestions or opinions of interest or value in "Letters to the Editor."

The Position of the Messrs. Lippincott.

THE following correspondence has been sent to us for publication :

NEW-YORK, April 8, 1875.

MESSRS. J. B. LIPPINCOTT & Co.:

GENTLEMEN: We have read with great pleasure your letter of the 23d of March, addressed to the editor of the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY.

You have taken *advanced* ground, and we are encouraged to believe that the entire trade can ultimately be brought to the same position. In all your efforts to do this, we will gladly co-operate.

There is, of course, no authority at present to change the rule of the American Book Trade Association, of which the Central is auxiliary, and to which the trade of the country is very largely committed; but the modifications suggested in your letter, or any others, can be brought before the Convention to be held this summer, and we do not doubt that your views will meet with great favor from others as well as ourselves.

It is of the utmost importance, however, that we should continue to hold firmly the ground already gained, in order to work successfully for the ultimate purpose of the reform.

The General Association will meet in July, and in the mean time the trade can be held together on the Put-in Bay platform; and if you could now consent to sign the paper, as signed by the trade of New-York, Boston, and Philadelphia, you would do an excellent service to the general cause.

May we not hope that, for the present, you will modify your views to this extent, so that the reform, as it now stands, may have the benefit of your indorsement and support? Such action on your part would largely aid in the effort to bring the trade up to your standard. Indeed, we can not conceive of any thing that would more largely contribute in that direction, and we trust that this may prove to be your own conclusion.

Congratulating you, as we do the entire trade, on the present promising condition of affairs, which your letter has so largely helped to bring about,

We are, yours truly,

(Signed) A. D. F. RANDOLPH,
Pres. Am. Book Trade Assoc.
 ALFRED C. BARNES,
Pres. Central Booksellers' Assoc.
 A. C. ARMSTRONG,
 SHELDON & Co.,
 FRANK H. DODD,
 G. W. CARLETON & Co.,
 W. S. APPLETON,
 JAS. S. BAKER,
 J. M. CUSHING, JR.,

LEE & SHEPARD,
 CHARLES T. DILLINGHAM,
 JAMES MILLER,
 BENJAMIN H. TICKNOR.

It should be stated that, while this is not an official communication, the signers are officers and managers of the Central Booksellers' Association. By an inadvertence, the firm name, instead of the individual member, was used in three instances.

PHILADELPHIA, April 10, 1875.

MESSRS. RANDOLPH, BARNES, ARMSTRONG, etc.
 New-York.

DEAR SIR: We have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your favor of the 8th inst., in which you so cordially approve the plan we recently suggested for the resumption of retail prices.

Yours truly,
 J. B. LIPPINCOTT & Co.

The Business Morality of Underselling.

NEW-YORK, April 10, 1875.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:

DEAR SIR: In all that has been said and written in regard to "reform" movements, there appears to be nothing as yet in respect to the business of underselling as a means of profit. We hear grievous stories of the harm brought to the legitimate trade by the "scalpers," but how about themselves? Any one familiar with the book trade for the last twenty years may look the country carefully over, and where will be found a single house of age that has made money by doing a business relying on getting their trade by underselling? True, there are firms that have been running in that line for some time, and in some of the largest cities—New-York and Boston, noticeably—with an appearance of success. On the other hand, let us look at the failures. They may be counted almost by hundreds. One of the oldest and most favorably known of the Western booksellers, a man who has been in the business for more than thirty years, has always paid his bills when due, and is called by the upstarts an old fogey, has already bought out the bankrupt stocks of fifteen different defunct concerns in his own city. Every one of these had, during their brief existence (an existence of one to six or even eight years), depended on building up their trade by underselling the older established houses.

We may, perhaps, be allowed to divide the booksellers into two classes: those who know what they are about, and those who do not; and let us look at a few figures to see how it is that the cost of doing business eventually produces bankruptcy for the very reason that the amount of gross profit of the year is not enough to pay the expenses. The expense of doing a general book business, or business that combines both wholesale and retail, is not less than 15 per cent of the whole sales. Add to this general expense interest on capital and loss by bad debts, and this is brought up to 20 per cent. Let a bookseller adopt the platform of the American Book-Trade Association, and do his business at rates as there suggested, and his gross profits will hardly be over 25 per cent, possibly 26 per cent, on a business of say \$40,000, leaving a net profit of \$2000. On the other

hand, let this man sell his books at large discounts anywhere from $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ off, and where he gains advantage by a purchase at extra low rates, give that advantage to his customer, as is the usual practice, and what is the result? He will reduce his gross profit to only 15 per cent, and where is the 20 per cent which he needs to pay his expenses, to say nothing of his own living? True, he may increase the amount of his business, but his expense account will also mount up. With new goods constantly coming in, increased sales, and general activity, he has the appearance of the greatest prosperity; he has good credit, having started with some capital, and his stock increases each year, is quite sure to do so. When the final day of settlement arrives, as it is sure to do sooner or later, what is this man's condition, and what are the circumstances of his case? He has been in business anywhere from five to ten years, has sold thousands of books, has taken in and paid out thousands of dollars, lived on the best to be had, and has come out with enough to pay ten cents on the dollar, perhaps twenty-five; and whose is the actual loss? The loss falls on the confiding publishers and his neighboring booksellers, who have always trusted him, because he did pay their bills promptly when he started, although he has all these years been doing his best to ruin any legitimate book-business.

After his failure, he goes into bankruptcy, and, leaving the old property in the hands of his creditors, takes a fresh start, with some figure-head as the apparent owner, and is soon again in a blaze of prosperity, with fresh stock, and new and fresh credit, and everything again in great success, whilst the poor creditors are looking diligently after the first possible chance of a dividend.

Looking at the matter in one light, this has been a great success, and this kind of business has been done for years, and will be done in years to come, just as long as the publishers and jobbers continue to give credit to this class of men. If one of them is really swamped so badly as to be unable to start, his place is soon filled by some other equally active, the competition is as bad as ever, and the "old fogies" who will persist in buying no more goods than they can sell at a profit and pay for, are just as much behind the age as ever.

Let us look at another class of booksellers who mean to do a legitimate business, but don't know how to do it. The trap which catches them is an overload of stock, which depreciates rapidly on their hands, yet is taken on their stock account at what it cost. In this way they are building up a fictitious value until they are liable to own only half the real value of what their stock-book calls for. In this view of their business, they are careless of their expense account, especially of their own family expenses, and under an impression that their business is showing a much larger profit than it really is, they spend what they haven't got, and live down their actual capital without being aware of it. These men are brought to grief by wrong figures, and no one is more surprised than they themselves, when an expert discovers their real condition. Instances have been known of publishers who, instead of valuing their stereotype plates at their worth in old metal—a safe custom—have taken them, year after year, at cost, and adding each year's inte-

rest. If every bookseller who gets a book into his store billed at \$1 would but consider that the actual cost of that book is \$1.20, and that on all he sells of books bought at one-third or even one-fifth off, he is making no actual profit, but is getting out his expenses as well as the cost, he might be more careful how he lets out his stock at what may appear a profit, but is, in fact, an actual loss when figured with the expense account. These are matters that all intelligent booksellers can not examine too closely, and we commend their consideration to all who really desire to so conduct their business that on a call for settlement they can count on one hundred cents with which to pay every dollar. Then the profit and loss accounts of the wholesale houses will have fewer items on the wrong side of the ledger.

FACTS.

Report of the Committee on Assemblies.

THE Committee on Assemblies, appointed by the "American Book Trade Association," at its last annual meeting at Put-in Bay, in July, 1874, would make the following report, through the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY, the official organ of the Association:

Your Committee have not thought it wise to call a meeting of the "Book Trade Association" before the expiration of a year from the date of the previous convention.

The importance to the whole trade of meeting together to compare notes, take measures to rectify abuses, etc., can not be over-estimated. In order, however, to exercise their full influence for good, these conventions must be largely attended by all branches of the trade, and time must be allowed for full and free discussion.

In a country of so great extent as ours, it has seemed to your Committee almost impossible to secure a well-attended meeting of the Association more frequently than once a year.

The past year has been one of trial for the "reform movement," but its victories have been commensurate with its trials.

The meeting which your Committee are about to call will assemble under the most favoring circumstances, and upon the wisdom of its deliberations will depend the permanency of this great reform movement; and upon successful reform depends the prosperity of publishing and bookselling in this country for years to come. The experience of the past year is full of lessons to us.

1st. It has been clearly shown that *reform* is possible, and by a generous confidence in each other it may be fully accomplished.

2d. The power which the booksellers of the country, united in a just cause, possess, is beginning to be clearly manifest.

At the beginning of the movement it was felt by many that there is a natural antagonism between the publishers and booksellers. This is not the case. The prosperity of the publisher depends upon the prosperity of the booksellers of the country. Without prosperous jobbers and retailers all over the country, through whom the publisher can reach the public, it would be well-nigh impossible, by any means now known, to reach consumers enough to make one book in ten successful or profitable to the publisher. So long as the booksellers are *united* and *reasonable* in their

requests, none will be more willing to yield to them than the enterprising and far-seeing publisher. Should any, however, pursue a narrow or stubborn policy, the remedy lies with the booksellers themselves. What publisher or jobber could stand against the book trade of the country united in a *just cause*?

3d. It seems to your Committee that the success which has so far attended our movements has been due largely to the conservative and reasonable course pursued. Even the public, whom it might be feared would oppose anything like a lessening of discounts, have acknowledged the justness of our course, and have felt that it would on the whole be a *gain* to the whole community, to have the bookseller treat all alike, and at the same time secure a living profit for himself.

It would seem now that nothing but our own folly can defeat this great movement for a just reform. A willingness to *compromise antagonistic views*, and each yield to the wish of the majority, have so far marked our course. If this *wise moderation* is continued and harmony secured, no factious opposition can possibly prevent the consummation of this reform movement.

The place of meeting has been a question of serious consideration to your Committee.

Their only object has been to secure the largest attendance. They have decided upon Niagara Falls, and have made very favorable terms with Gale & Fuller, of the International Hotel. These terms can be learned in detail by addressing the Secretary of the Committee, R. R. Bowker, at the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY office.

The time of meeting will be Tuesday, July 13th. The Booksellers' Exchange and Clearing House meet in New-York, July 19th. All booksellers, whether members of the American Book Trade Association or not, are cordially invited to meet with us. It is confidently believed that this Convention will work a great era in the history of the American Book Trade. If those who propose to attend will send their names to Mr. Bowker in advance, it will forward the preparations of the Committee.

(Signed) ISAAC E. SHELDON,
JOSEPH KNIGHT,
A. C. BARNES,
R. R. BOWKER.

The Last Trade Sale.

THE last of the trade sales, which have been so prominent as well as anomalous a feature of the American book business, was marked by a general and well-sustained attendance (the registry numbering some one hundred and twenty), animated bidding, and an average of fair and even high prices, as such prices go. Opening on Monday the 5th, it ran over last week into the Monday of this week, the buyers naturally decreasing towards the close. At the desk in turn were Messrs. William R. Leavitt, T. W. Warren, J. K. Pratt, and the ever-popular "Joe" Foster, who doesn't believe in Put-in Bay. He never shone brighter than at this, his last opportunity—although he will have it that the reform is all nonsense, and that there will be plenty of trade sales—and the one feature of the sales which many of the trade will regret is his laughter-provoking fun. Among those present at the sale as buyers were Leg-

gat Bros., W. S. Appleton, Henry Miller, Mr. Dillingham, James Miller, Baker & Pratt, and others, of New-York; Boston was represented by A. W. Lovering, A. F. Graves, Mr. Lauriat of Estes & Lauriat, etc.; Philadelphia, by Mr. Kimball from the Lippincotts, Porter & Coates, Mr. Claxton, H. N. McKinney, etc.; Chicago and Cincinnati, by Gen. McClurg, George E. Stevens, and others. The greater part of the buyers were equally divided between the Eastern and Western States, Ohio largely representing the latter, with some firms from inland New-York, Pennsylvania, and elsewhere.

On Tuesday afternoon, the stereotype plates belonging to the estate of Gould & Lincoln were sold, but at rather dull prices, the sale dragging. Messrs. Estes & Lauriat secured "Arvine's Cyclopædia of Anecdotes of Literature and Fine Arts" (725 pp. 8vo, retailing at \$4). Mr. James Miller bought the plates of Chamber's "Home Book" (12 vols. in 6, 2160 pp., 16mo), of the Aimwell Stories (7 vols.), of the Home Twilight Stories (4 vols. illus.), and of Aunt Mattie's Library (4 vols. illus.); Robert Carter, those of Hugh Miller's "Life and Works" (12 vols., illus. by 2 steel plates, and wood-cuts, and casts), Williams's "Lectures on the Lord's Prayer" (12mo, 258 pp.), and Krummacher's "Suffering Saviour" (12mo, 474 pp.); the Lippincotts, those of Gosse's "Romance of Natural History" (12mo, 372 pp., illus.); Messrs. H. A. Young & Co., of Boston, those of Bayne's "Christian Life" (12mo, 528 pp.), his "Essays in Biography and Criticism" (2 vols. 12mo), Hovey's "God with Us" (12mo), Hackett's "Illustrations of Scripture" (12mo, pp. 354), and his "Christian Memorials of the War" (12mo, pp. 256); Dodd & Mead, those of Cruden's "Condensed Concordance" (8vo, pp. 576); E. P. Dutton & Co., those of Westcott's "Introduction to the Study of the Gospels" (royal 12mo, 476 pp.); W. F. Draper, of Andover, Mass., those of Ellicott's "Life of Christ" (12mo, 881 pp.). These were the more notable plates bought, some on the catalogue being "jumped."

On Monday, the regular auction opened with the Osgoods' invoice, which sold briskly, many lines being duplicated. In fact, it was a notable mark of the sale, due doubtless to its being the last, that the duplications were frequent and often large. The Osgoods increased their "Little Classics" from 100 to 800 sets; their Household Edition of Longfellow, from 100 to 1150; "Uncle Tom's Cabin," from 50 to 80; and "Tom Brown at Rugby," from 50 to 150. Hurd & Houghton also duplicated, but to a smaller extent, while the Scribners did so very largely, Marion Harland's "Common-Sense in the Household" swelling from 50 to nearly 3500; "Arthur Bonnicastle," from 36 to 350; "Reveries of a Bachelor," from 25 to 225; Lange, from 150 to 300; "Library of Travel and Wonder," from 100 to 400; the Bric-à-Brac Series, from 25 to 300, etc. Henry L. Shepard & Co. likewise duplicated, but at not so good prices as the Scribners.

Of the prices obtained, we have space only to quote a few of the notable ones, high and low, of the more important invoices. Among the Osgood books, Emerson's "Parnassus" (\$4) fell at \$2.30, and Longfellow's "Hanging of the Crane" (\$5), at \$2.95; while William Blake's "Book of Job" (\$10) fell off to \$4 and \$2.75. The "Little Classics," which were so largely

duplicated, brought 58 and 52 cents (\$1); Hoppin's "On the Nile" (\$10), \$5.25; but Trowbridge's "Emigrant's Story" (\$1.50) only 50 cents; Taylor's "Prophet" (\$2), 75 cents, and Conant's "Circassian Boy" (\$1.50), 30 c. Howell's "Foregone Conclusion" (\$2) duplicated at \$1.15. Mrs. Jameson's works (in 10 vols. at \$1.50) readily obtained 87½ and 82½ c., while Aldrich's "Prudence Palfrey" (\$1) fell at 35 cents, and Hawthorne's "Idolatry" (\$2) at 75 cents. In the Putnam's stock, Miss Brackett's "Education of American Girls" (\$1.75) was taken at 87½ cents; Hart's "German Universities" (\$1.75), at 85 cents; and the Works of Hood (in 7 vols. at \$2.25), at \$1.15. Lower prices were "Hermann and Dorothea" (\$1.25), 50 cents; Irving's "Washington" (2 vols. \$3.50), \$2.05; "Life of Audubon" (\$2.25), 95 cents. Bryant's "Among the Trees" (\$3.50) brought \$1.70; Evelyn's "Diary" (\$2.50), 90 c.; and Miss Greatorex's "Colorado Etchings" (\$5), \$2.25 and \$2.37½. Hurd & Houghton's Globe Edition of Dickens (15 vols. at \$1.50) sold for 87½ cents; their Household Cooper (32 vols. at \$1.25), for 65 cents; and their "Smith's Bible Dictionary" (4 vols. at \$6.50), for \$3.90. The Works of Bacon (15 vols. at \$2.75) fell at \$1.20. Mrs. Ames's "Men, Women, and Things" (\$1.50) was taken at 55 c., while her "His Two Wives" (\$1.75) easily brought \$1. The poems of the Cary sisters (two-dollar books) ranged from \$1.15 to \$1.20. Mrs. Clement's art books (\$3.25) duplicated at \$2, but Ténor's "Paris" (\$2.50) was dull at 40 cents. The Oliver Optic books (in Lee & Shepard's list) brought from 65 to 90 c. (\$1.50), and, as usual, were in large lines and sold well. Buckle's "Civilization" (3 vols. at \$2) fell at \$1.25, and Carroll's "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" (\$1.25), at 70 cents. Of the Scribner books, the "Common-Sense in the Household," which so largely sold (\$1.75), ran from \$1.17½ to 94 cents; and "Bonnycastle" (\$1.75) also duplicated, at \$1.05 and 95 cents, "Kathrina" and "Bitter-Sweet" (\$1.50) bringing 90 cents, and "Reveries of a Bachelor" (\$1.75), \$1.05. Lower prices of that house were D. G. Mitchell's "Dr. Johns" (\$1.75), 55 cents; Schaff's "Christian Church" (\$7.50), \$2.30; and his "Apostolic Church" (\$3.75), \$1.30.

OBITUARY.

S. R. WELLS.

WE regret to announce the death of Mr. Samuel R. Wells, the well-known phrenological publisher, which took place from typhoid fever, at his residence in West Fifty-first street, on Tuesday morning.

Mr. Wells was pleasantly known to all who had met him, and was a man of marked intelligence and wide knowledge. Both as a writer and publisher, he has done much to advance the specialty which was to him a mission.

He was born in West-Hartford, Ct., in 1820, and took a diploma as a physician. But he early became interested in phrenology, and having married in 1843 a sister of O. S. & L. N. Fowler, who, from 1835 to 1854, occupied part of the old Clinton Hall building in Nassau street, became a member of the firm on its removal to 308 Broadway, in the latter year.

In 1862, the house of Fowler & Wells passed

under his sole direction, and took his name. Mr. Wells started the *Phrenological Journal* and the *Science of Health*, wrote a number of works connected with physical subjects, of which the most important was his "New Physiognomy," and founded the Phrenological Institute. He was just about removing to a new store opposite Astor Place.

Mr. Wells was buried on Thursday, from St. Timothy's P. E. Church, of which he was a member and vestryman.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

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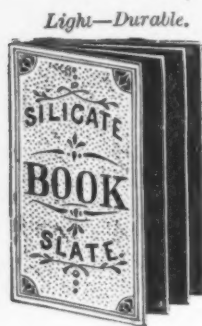
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